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R A M A, *in Syria, July* 23.

ON the firſt News of the Arrival of Ali Bey, and Cheik Daher, the Governour of this Town fled, with all the Arabs in theſe Environs, and ſhut himſelf up at Gaza. Cheik Sali, Son to Daher, and Cheik Kerim, his Nephew, came the 20th with about five Hundred Horſemen, and entered Rama and Hidda without any Reſiſtance. They ſeized a conſiderable Quantity of Barley, which was gathered in the Seraglio for the Pacha of Damaſcus. Cheik Daher, and Ali Bey, on the other Hand, being alſo arrived the 20th before the laſt mentioned Town, blockaded it firſt and then attacked it. The Fire laſted without ceaſing the 21ſt and 22d, but the Inhabitants defended themſelves, and continue ſtill to do with great Courage. It is feared that if they are obliged to yield they will be all put to the Sword. Many Families, whom Fear had induced to leave the City at the Approach of the Enemy, were plundered by the Arabs, and a great many Women came abſolutely naked into Jeruſalem.

LARNECA, in Cyprus, *Auguſt* 19. The Officer appointed by the Porte to command the Body of Janiſaries at Jeruſalem arrived here four Days ago from Conſtantinople, but finds himſelf obliged to ſtay in this Iſland, becauſe the Cheik Daher and Ali Bey are beſieging Jaffa, which Place he muſt paſs by. The laſt Accounts from that Place ſay that the Garriſon, knowing that the Enemy will give them no Quarter, were reſolved to defend themſelves to the laſt Extremity, and had already repulſed them in ſeven Aſſaults. That being diſtreſſed for Proviſions they ſent out the Women, and among them ſome Men in Diſguiſe, but theſe, being diſcovered, were put to Death upon the Spot; and, in ſhort, that if they had not ſpeedy Aſſiſtance from Damaſcus they muſt be forced to ſurrender to the Enemy.

RAGUSA, *September* 13. This Country is plunged again in the deepeſt Diſtreſs. The Ottoman Porte demands of our Republick fifty Veſſels to tranſport a great Number of Albanian Troops to Souria and Grand Cairo, to act againſt Ali Bey, who is become more formidable than ever. The Government has deſired to be excuſed from furniſhing theſe Veſſels, for Fear of incurring the Reſentment of the Ruſſians; but the Baſhaw of Albania declares, in the moſt poſitive Terms, that if we do not comply with the Demand a numerous Army ſhall be ſent immediately to put our whole Country to Fire and Sword. Thus are we in a moſt deplorable Situation:—If we do not grant the Veſſels required, we ſhall be expoſed to the Fury of the Turks; and, on the other Hand, if we do furniſh them, ſhall be inveſted by a Ruſſian Fleet, which has threatened ſeveral Times to bombard our City, and to reduce it to Aſhes.

PETERSBURG, *October* 22. The Grand Vizier leaves to Field Marſhal Romanzow the Liberty of chooſing the Place for holding the new Congreſs, either at Bucharеſt or elſewhere, and likewiſe the Option of negotiating either by Plenipotentiaries or Commiſſaries. In the latter Caſe, he deſires him to come in Perſon to Bucharеſt, becauſe he ſhould again draw near the Danube, to accelerate the Negotiations.

The Empreſs hath granted to Count Gregory Orlow, who aſſiſted at the Congreſs of Foxkzany as her Miniſter Plenipotentiary, Permiſſion of abſenting himſelf a Year, for the Re eſtabliſhment of his Health, and hath left him the Choice of reſiding on his own Eſtates; or, if he finds it more convenient, to any Baths of foreign Countries. Her Imperial Majeſty reſtores to this Nobleman all his Employments, and recompenſes his Services by a Penſion of one Hundred and fifty Thouſand Roubles, and a Gift of ten Thouſand Peaſants. His Brothers have alſo received great Marks of the Munificence of our Sovereign; Count Alexis, among other Preſents, has been gratified with an Extent of Land containing ten Thouſand Peaſants.

WARSAW, *October* 15. The laſt Letters received by the Ruſſian Miniſter here give Hopes of a Peace. The Porte hath declared that the Congreſs would not have been broken up if the Propoſitions of the Ruſſian Miniſters had been reaſonable.

AARBUS, *October* 9. The celebrated Chriſtian Jacobſen Drachenburg, of whom Mention has been ſo frequently made in the publick Prints on Account of his great Age, died here this Day at ſeven in the Morning, aged one Hundred and *forty ſix*, having been born November 11, 1626.

PARIS, *October* 19. The different Fires which have happened in different Countries have awakened the Attention of this to find out Means to prevent this Calamity. And tho' as yet no other Method has been thought poſſible to prevent it except the Precaution of the Police and Adminiſtration; but Glaſer, a Phyſician of Henneberg, a learned German, has invented a Varniſh which will not take Fire, to prove the Virtue of which three Houſes were built of Wood in a Field. Two of them were covered with this Varniſh, the third not; and being all ſet Fire to, thoſe varniſhed were preſerved, while the unvarniſhed One was burnt down.

October 30. We hear from Morlaix that the States have granted the King a free Gift of two Millions.

L O N D O N, *October* 27.

THEY write from Vienna that an Edict is juſt regiſtered there for raiſing ſix Millions four Hundred Thouſand Livres (two Hundred ſixty ſix Thouſand ſix Hundred and ſixty ſix Guineas) on the Clergy and religious Houſes, towards the Support of the Army.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, *October* 8.

"A Swiſs who had been hired before the Vintage, in a neighbouring Province, to take Care of the Vines, took Advantage of the Abſence of the Huſbandman to attempt the Seduction of his Daughter; but not being able to effect this by Perſuaſion, he ſatisfied his brutal Appetite by Force. To prevent Detection, he then killed the young Woman and fled. Being immediately purſued, he was overtaken, and delivered up to the Juſtice of his own Nation; for the Swiſs Nation, by Treaty, have a ſovereign Right to decide in all Cauſes civil and criminal relative to their own Nation in France. He was adjudged, after Trial, to the uſual Puniſhment in the like Caſes, namely, to be ſawed alive into two. He was accordingly jammed in (all except his Head) between two large Logs of Wood hollowed for that Purpoſe, and in that Poſture underwent the dreadful Puniſhment. He was then expoſed to publick View, as a Warning to others whoſe Paſſions are ſtronger than their Reaſon."

Extract of a Letter from the Frontiers of Turkey, *September* 10.

"We learn here that a Camp of one Hundred and twenty Thouſand Turks is now forming in the Environs of Conſtantinople, and in that Capital alone twenty Thouſand Turks had taken Arms; and a very vigorous Preparation is now going forward to defend that Place, as it ſeems the Ruſſians have again a Deſign againſt it. By the ſame Advices we learn that twelve Ruſſian Ships are arrived in the Morea, and have landed a Body of Men at Caglia; and, after being joined by a Number of Greeks, they plundered Maina Calmata, and ſome other Places. Zeffix Bey, who commanded a ſmall Fleet laſt War in the Archipelago, is appointed Grand Seraſkier of the Fleet which is to be ſent againſt the Ruſſians. It conſiſts of ſix Men of War of the Line, two of which mount ſeventy four Guns, and eighteen Half Gallies; they have already gone out of the Harbour, and caſt Anchor at Beſiktaſch, about a Quarter of a League off, where they are to be provided with every Thing neceſſary, and then to ſail for the Black Sea."

Poland is ſaid to be reduced one Eighth in its Inhabitants, by the Diviſions which have ſo long rent and torn it; beſides its Loſs of People, above four Hundred Towns and Villages have been razed.

October 28. A Wag being in Cheapſide yeſterday when the Populace were following the Reverend Mr. Horne, hiſſing and hooting, and crying out, no Turncoats! no Apoſtates! ſaid, "that he thought Parſon hunting the moſt Diverſion he had ever ſeen."

The Politicians at the Hague are much at a Loſs to account for the Reaſon of the King of Denmark's arming; they are likewiſe greatly ſurpriſed that Ruſſia ſhould continue the War, as ſhe has no longer the Preſervation of Poland to contend for, nor can expect to derive from it the Succours ſhe has hitherto done.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales is to pay a Viſit to ſeveral of the Courts of Germany during the Courſe of next Summer.

By Letters from Venice we learn that the Senate had commanded a Fleet of ſix Sail of the Line, eight Frigates, ten Gallies, and fourteen Sloops, to ſail for the Levant, to aſſiſt the Operations of the Ruſſians.

Extract of a Letter from Stockholm, *October* 2.

"Major General Baron de Pechlin, Doctor Rutzſtrom, Odhelius, Speaker of the Order of Peaſants, and the Vice Chancellor Engeſtrom, ſtill continue under the Arreſt which took Place at the Time of the late Revolution. Rutzſtrom, it is ſaid, was a Spy, who watched every Step the King took, and brought the Report to the Nobility of the Senate; he likewiſe formed a Manifeſto, in Conjunction with Baron de Pechlin, to arreſt his Majeſty on the ſame Day the Revolution happened. Baron de Pechlin will be tried by a Court Martial, but the others will have their Trial at common Law.

"The preſent Syſtem of his Majeſty is to ſecure Peace and Tranquillity with the Powers of Europe, and advance the Happineſs of his Subjects, by promoting Arts and Sciences, particularly Agriculture. The diſtilling of Brandy is totally ſuppreſſed, as there was more Corn conſumed in that than all Sweden produced. The new Form of Government, it is poſitively ſaid, was framed by a neighbouring great Potentate."

Extract of a Letter from Thorn, *October* 7.

"The Ruſſian General Count Czernichef has publiſhed a Manifeſto, in the Name of her Imperial Majeſty, that ſhe has taken into her Poſſeſſion all Poliſh Liexland and White Ruſſia, and that thoſe States are for the future to acknowledge her Imperial Majeſty as their Sovereign."

Monday a Lad about eighteen Years of Age, for the ſimple Wager of a Gallon of Beer, was to walk on the Outſide of London Bridge, from the one Side to the other, in ſix Minutes; but in the Performance his Foot ſlipped, and he fell, and ſtriking his Head againſt the Starlings daſhed his Brains out.

October 29. Yeſterday Evening the Earl of Harcourt's Commiſſion paſſed the Great Seal conſtituting him General Governour and Governour in Chief of the Kingdom of Ireland.

His Royal Highneſs the Hereditary Prince of Brunſwick, who lately left the Pruſſian Service, is appointed Colonel and Commander in Chief of the Royal Dutch, or Prince of Orange's Guards, in Holland.

Eaſt India Affairs, and thoſe of the Continent, are, we are aſſured, the true Reaſons of the early meeting of Parliament.

By Deſpatches lately received from Mr. Murray, the Britiſh Miniſter at the Porte, it appears that numerous Bodies of the Auſtrian Troops are daily filing off towards the Turkiſh Frontiers, which makes the Grand Seignior extremely fearful that the Emperour of Germany has formed hoſtile Intentions on that Part of the Ottoman Empire.

A Letter from Portſmouth mentions, that it is reported there as a Fact (however aſtoniſhing and incredible it may appear) that a Gentleman of Goſport has found out a Method of cauſing Ships to make their Way, in a ſtraight Line, againſt both Wind and Tide, and to go faſter even in a Calm than they at preſent can with a favourable Breeze of Wind, and which Diſcovery will alſo prevent them from the Danger of overſetting, or being driven againſt Rocks or Shores in a Storm, by Means whereof Voyages will be rendered much more expeditious, as well as entirely ſafe, and (as the Courſe of the Ships will thereby be always preciſely known) the Longitude at Sea will be as certain as the Latitude; and that he has actually wrote a Letter to Lord Sandwich on the Occaſion.

Mr. Wilkes was exactly forty five Years of Age yeſterday.

We learn from Berlin that his Pruſſian Majeſty has, by an Edict, laid an extra Tax of two per Cent. on all Merchandiſe exported from Dantzick, and other Ports of Pomerrania and Poliſh Pruſſia.

By Advices from Stockholm we learn that the King has given Orders for recalling his Miniſter at the Court of Peterſburg.

They write from Stockholm that the King of Sweden made lately the Review of his Arſenals, and gave Orders for a large Addition of military Stores of every Kind. Orders were expected to be given for an Augmentation of the Troops, and for aſſembling an Army in Finland.

They write from Seville that large Bodies of Troops have lately been embarked there for South America.

We hear the Reverend Doctor P——ll, having aſſumed the Profeſſor of Divinity's Poſt in the Caput at Cambridge, is determined to oppoſe the Proteſtant Hereticks with all his Power. It is ſaid farther, that the Proteſtant Hereticks will open there next Campaign by a briſk Attack on Orthodoxy in that Univerſity; but as there is a numerous and well diſciplined Garriſon in the Place, commanded by Doctor P——ll, a Governour experienced in all the Arts and Stratagems of War, the Aſſailants may expect an obſtinate Defence of every Outwork of Orthodoxy.

October 31. An Article from the Hague brought by this Day's Mail, dated October 27th, ſays: "We have received authentick Letters here which confirm that the Negotiations of Peace between the belligerant Powers are renewed."

A Fire broke out at Conſtantinople on the 5th of September which reduced upwards of two Hundred capital Buildings to Aſhes, ſuppoſed to have been done by ſome evil minded Perſons to cauſe a general Conflagration, as Combuſtibles were found in different Quarters of that City.

Extract of a Letter from the Morea, *September* 14.

"The Ruſſian Ships are daily landing a Number of Men in different Parts of the Morea, and thoſe are conſtantly joined by a Number of Greeks, &c. ſo that they are very formidable; they have already attacked and plundered ſeveral rich Towns, but ſhow the greateſt Humanity to the People. The Ruſſian Commanders have cauſed a Manifeſto of the Empreſs's to be made publick, wherein ſhe declares that ſhe looks upon it as a religious Duty to free the Greeks from the Turkiſh Slavery; and ſhe has promiſed Protection and Rewards to thoſe who would voluntarily enter into her Army, and the ſevereſt Puniſhments to thoſe who refuſe. This, added to the beſt Treatment when they do enliſt, powerfully induces the Greeks to join the Ruſſian Army daily, and it is thought they will ſoon be Maſters of the whole Morea."

We hear from Stockholm that the Empreſs of Ruſſia has ſignified to the King of Sweden that any Deſign againſt the Dominions of Denmark will draw her Reſentment upon him.

Extract of a Letter from Peterſburg *to a Gentleman in London.*

"We learn here that the Duke of Courland has broke off his Marriage with the Princeſs of Waldeck, intending to marry a Siſter of your Queen; but he has not yet been able to obtain the Conſent of our Empreſs, and many think he never will.

"A Number of ſmall armed Veſſels has been conſtructing on the Black Sea, under the Direction of the Admiral ſo much ſlighted with you; you gueſs I mean Sir Charles Knowles. They will ſoon be fit to proceed to their Deſtination, and will no Doubt alarm the proud Ottoman."

We learn from Peterſburg that the Empreſs publickly offers great Emoluments to ſuch foreign naval Officers as ſhall enter into her Service.

They write from Copenhagen that the Court of Ruſſia has made a Demand of ſix Thouſand Men of the King of Denmark, according to an ancient Treaty.

Extract of a Letter from Dantzick, *October* 14.

"The Situation of this once flouriſhing City is now really deplorable: Deprived of the Advantages the Inhabitants uſed to enjoy, oppreſſed by Numbers of Troops quartered upon them, ſubject to a foreign Yoke, and loaded with Taxes, they are to be pitied; but it is in vain to complain. The Pruſſian Monarch has taken Care to preſerve this invaluable Place from the Fear of a Foe, but if he continues his preſent Proceedings he will effectually depopulate this City; and if he puts his Threats in Execution, of iſſuing an Order to prevent any Perſon emigrating from the City without his previous Leave, he will certainly make himſelf a formidable Enemy, if ever the King of Poland ſhould endeavour to regain his loſt Dominions, which he certainly will, and it is expected ſoon. The Citizens have ſent frequent Petitions to different Courts (eſpecially to that of Great Britain) but nothing avails. Thoſe Powers either have it not at Heart, or are afraid to draw upon themſelves a powerful Enemy; ſo that the King of Pruſſia may enſlave as many more Cities as he has already, without their ever ſtirring to prevent it."

Letters from Madrid ſay that the Empreſs of Ruſſia has made an Application to that Court for a Fleet to aſſiſt her Operations in the Mediterranean, but it is not known what Reply will be given to this Requeſt.

A Letter from the Hague ſays: "The States General have lately ſent a Memorial to his Pruſſian Majeſty, aſſerting the Independency of the City of Dantzick, for which the States are one of the Guarantees. An Anſwer thereto is expected with the utmoſt Impatience."

We hear that a great Perſonage has expreſſed a Deſire that all the Monies ariſing from vacant Places, &c. might be applied to the Exigencies of the State.

The late Reflections on the Fate of the clerical Petition have been ſo well received by the Friends of one Side, and have occaſioned ſo much Chagrin among the Leaders on the other, that it is curious to obſerve the Pains taken by the Petitioners to circulate them, and the ſtill greater Pains taken by certain eccleſiaſtical Dignitaries to ſtifle and ſuppreſs them.

Two Men of War, and a Frigat of thirty two Guns, are to be ſtationed for the future in the Strait of Bahama, to protect the Engliſh Veſſels trading from North America to the Weſt Indies.

Extract of a Letter from Exeter, *October* 23.

"We had the other Day many Maccaronies at our Aſſembly, but the moſt remarkable one was the Honourable Mr. ——, Lord ——'s Son, who appeared in a white Satin Coat, Waiſtcoat, and Breeches, white ſilk Stockings with large Gold Clocks, black Satin Shoes with red Heels, black Silk Hat with Pink Lining, Hair dreſſed to the Extremity of the Maccaroni Taſte, with a Club to it the Size of a moderate Man's Leg, a huge Noſegay which hid one Side of his Face, in the Middle of which was an elegant Eſſence Bottle."

Yeſterday Morning free Pardon came to Newgate for Captain Jones, and in the Afternoon he was releaſed from his Confinement.

Notwithſtanding it is generally thought that Money is at preſent ſcarce in England, a Gentleman in the City has received a Letter from his Correſpondent at Venice, wherein he ſays that an Engliſh Nobleman is now in Contract with Bradſhaw Pierſon, Eſquire, for the capital Collection of Pictures which he has lately made in France and Italy, eſteemed to be worth fifteen Thouſand Pounds.

Letters from Birmingham mention the Death of one Eyre, a Cutlery in the Hundred and ſeventh Year of his Age.

Tueſday laſt a ſevere Battle was fought in St. George's Fields, between a Coachman and a Carman, which laſted upwards of fifty Minutes, when the former beat his Antagoniſt ſo that he died carrying to the Hoſpital; and this Morning the Coachman died, who had his Jaw Bone broken in two Places, his fore Teeth knocked out, and one of his Ribs broken.

Extract of a Letter from Warſaw, *October* 13.

"Our King is hourly employed in receiving Petitions from thoſe Poliſh Gentlemen whoſe Eſtates have been ſeized by the three united Powers. Theſe injured Polanders reſolutely declare they will loſe all their Fortune rather than ſwear Allegiance to any foreign Power."

Extract of a Letter from Hamburg, *October* 20.

"It is ſaid here on the Exchange that the Court of Denmark is juſt about mortgaging the Dutchies of Slefwick and Gotorp to his Pruſſian Majeſty. They add, that ſeveral Merchants have the Commiſſion of paying the Money to the Daniſh Miniſter; but it requires farther Confirmation."

Yeſterday the City Remembrancer waited upon the Lord High Chancellor to acquaint him with Mr. Alderman Townſend's being elected Lord Mayor; when his Lordſhip was pleaſed to appoint Tueſday next, at two o'Clock, to receive the Lord Mayor elect; after which an elegant Entertainment will be given at Mercer's Hall.

The Lord Mayor's Precepts were yeſterday iſſued out to the Companies to attend on Monday, November 9th, being Lord Mayor's Day.

A Morning Paper ſays: By ſeveral private Letters from the Continent, a very extraordinary Piece of Intelligence has tranſpired, the Subſtance of which is that his Poliſh Majeſty has declared to the Courts of Vienna, Peterſburg, and Berlin, his Reſolution of reſigning the Crown, in Conſequence of his not being able to ſupport the monarchical Dignity; and that the Court of Vienna has warmly eſpouſed Charles Edward Stuart, as a Candidate for the Poliſh Diadem, which, it is probable, in Caſe of a Reſignation, he will poſſeſs, as he is deſcended in a direct Line from the celebrated John Sobieſki, who in the laſt Century, at the Head of a Handful of Poles, defeated an Army of two Hundred Thouſand Ottomans, and made them ſue for Peace.

Yeſterday the Workmen began to build in Guildhall, and to make the proper Preparations againſt next Lord Mayor's Day; and, in Order to get it finiſhed by the Time, they are to work extra Hours.

Yeſterday a Man was carried before the ſitting Alderman at Guildhall, for groſſly inſulting the preſent Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor elect, on Thurſday, as they were going into the Manſion Houſe; but on his aſking Pardon, and promiſing not to be guilty of the like again, after a ſevere Reprimand, he was diſmiſſed. Another Man was ſent back to the Poultry Compter for farther Examination, for aſſaulting a Conſtable the ſame Day in the Execution of his Office, and breeding a Riot in Guildhall.

November 3. On Friday Captain Jones gave Bail for the effectual Tranſportation of himſelf, purſuant to the Condition of his Majeſty's Pardon, and was diſcharged out of Newgate.

November 4. Yeſterday Mr. Alderman Townſend, accompanied by Mr. Alderman Stephenſon (the only Alderman who attended) and the two Sheriffs, waited on the Lord Chancellor, at his Houſe in Great Ruſſel Street, Bloomſbury. The Town Clerk, in a ſhort Speech, introduced Mr. Townſend to his Lordſhip, who in a few Words ſignified the Royal Approbation of the Choice the Citizens had made; after which the uſual Compliments paſſed, and the Whole concluded with a Regale of Cakes and Wine.

Yeſterday the Lord Mayor elect ſent for the City Marſhals, and acquainted them that he ſho[uld] expect a ſtrict and regular Attention to the Duties of their Office with [re]ſpect to the Markets of this City, the Abuſes whereof have been very prejudicial of late Years to the Community; and alſo ordered them to clothe their Men in the Colour of his Lordſhip's Livery, according to their original Inſtructions from the Court of Common Council, and that thoſe Men do diligently patrole the Streets of this City, and apprehend all Vagrant, Beggars, and other diſorderly Perſons who prey on the humane, benevolent, and induſtrious Inhabitants, and that each of them ſhould be paſſed to their reſpective Pariſhes, where the Law hath made a Proviſion for their Support, hoping it will be a Means of reducing the Poor's Rate in the City, which hath increaſed much of late, and become a great Burthen to the ſober, diligent, working Part of Mankind, which are the Bulk, Strength, and Support of national Welfare. His Lordſhip likewiſe gave very particular Inſtructions to the Ward Weighers, and declared if regular Returns were not made to him of the

various Prices of Corn he would provide proper Perſons at his own Coſt and Charges to inſpect the ſame, and puniſh every Defaulter as far as the Law empowers him.

The exorbitant Demand made by the King of Pruſſia upon our Court, for Damages ſuſtained during the laſt War, it is ſaid will not be complied with, though an Invaſion of our German Territories is threatened by that Alexander of the North, and though the Emperour has intimated that he is ready to ſupport him in his Claim.

The Advancement of Alderman Townſend to the Office of Mayor is looked upon by the City Politicians as the firſt Step towards an Union between the Miniſtry and the Shelburne Party, from which many Alterations at Court are expected to take Place.

Advices from Smyrna ſay that ſix of the principal Merchants of that City had been taken up and ſent Priſoners to Conſtantinople, and that it is expected when they come there they will be impaled alive.

The Publick are miſtaken when they think that the Congreſs of Fockzany was broke up on Account of the unreaſonable Demands of Count Orlow; the Court of Ruſſia demanded nothing more than her Succeſſes entitled her to demand. The real Cauſe of her Rupture was the Pruſſian Miniſter, who, under Pretence of facilitating the Peace, had Orders to prevent it. He did ſo; Count Orlow was his Dupe, and for that Reaſon was diſgraced. The Pruſſian Miniſter went afterwards to the Ruſſian Camp, in Order to widen the Breach, and precipitate the Operations of War; the Viziar diſcovered this Duplicity, and made Romanzow acquainted with it. The Armiſtice was prolonged, and the Conferences are renewed with good Hopes of Succeſs. This is not the only Inſtance of Dupicity in the Court of Berlin, as in a few Days more will appear.

By Letters from Peterſburg we hear that the Empreſs, who had not been viſible for ſome Days, had at length made her Appearance on the 20th of September. She admitted Prince Lobkowitz, the Imperial Miniſter, to a long Audience on the 25th; Count Lacy, Ambaſſadour from the Court of Spain, preſented her with a Letter from the King his Maſter; and on the ſame Day the new Envoy from Denmark had his firſt Audience.

Extract of a Letter from Zell, *October* 22.

"This Afternoon Queen Caroline Matilda arrived here from the Caſtle at Goenle, eſcorted by a Squadron of Springel's Regiment of Dragoons, &c. The Citizens were regularly drawn up, with their Colours ſtreamed, and the People teſtified their Joy with inceſſant Acclamations at ſeeing her. Upon her Arrival at our Caſtle her Majeſty found there a Company of the Regiment of Prince Erneſt of Mecklenburg, with their Colours flying, and were received by the Princes Charles and George of Mecklenburg. We have this Moment the Pleaſure to ſee her Majeſty walking through the City, which is moſt magnificently illuminated.

"By Order of the King of Great Britain, our Sovereign, the Royal Etiquette will be obſerved in all Points towards the Queen his Siſter. All the Royal Houſehold is already arrived from Hanover."

We are aſſured that her Majeſty is now happily advanced in the ſixth Month of her Pregnancy, and continues in a perfect State of Health.

Extract of a Letter from Edinburgh, *October* 30.

"Yeſterday arrived here from Iceland, and other Places in the North Seas, where they had been on a Voyage for Diſcoveries, the ingenious Mr. Banks, Doctor Solander, and Doctor Lind."

The Meſſenger which arrived on Monday from Conſtantinople brings Advice that the Treaty of Peace is concluded between the Ruſſians and the Turks, and that there had been great Rejoicings upon the Occaſion. He alſo brings Account that the Plague is broke out again in divers Parts of Turkey, and carried off a great Number of People.

Advices, we are aſſured, are conſtantly arriving at the weſt End of the Town of the Inſolence of the Spaniards to the Engliſh in the Weſt Indies.

They write from Vienna that the Emperour is now concluding a ſecret Treaty with the King of Poland, on what Account is not publickly known.

We hear that a great Diſagreement now ſubſiſts between the Lord Chancellor and Lord Mansfield.

We hear from Paris that the French Eaſt India Ships, fitted out on Account of private Trade, will not defray the Expenſes of their Voyage, nor even to thoſe to whom the King ſent Ships; ſo that an End is nearly put to the French Eaſt India Trade, unleſs they can deviſe ſome new Scheme to revive it.

Extract of a Letter from Newport, Monmouthſhire, *October* 30.

"We have had the greateſt Flood this Week ever known in this County, which has done incredible Damage. Moſt of the Bridges are waſhed away, particularly thoſe at Cardiff, Baſſaleg, and Enbow, and three or four more higher up that River; Carleon Bridge is likewiſe thrown down. The Wife of a Tinman of Carleon, who it is ſuppoſed was paſſing the Bridge when it fell, luckily caught Hold of a Beam, upon which ſhe floated down through the Bridge at this Town, and was taken up three Miles below the Place by a ſmall Boat. As ſoon as ſhe was put on Shore ſhe got a Horſe and rode home, and was the firſt to acquaint her Huſband of the Accident; ſhe is big with Child. Great Numbers of Cattle, Sheep, and Horſes, and ſome with Saddles on, have come through our Bridge, and the Body of a poor Woman has been taken up at our Wharf.

"P. S. Every Minute we hear freſh Accounts of Loſſes, and many People drowned."

November 5. We are aſſured that the Premier has abſolutely forbid all Cards of Compliment, or complimentary Viſits, during the Time he is attending his Office, being determined then to apply to Buſineſs only.

The Order of Minerva is not laid aſide, as has been reported, but will be inſtituted early the next Spring. The following Gentlemen are pricked down as the Knights who will be honoured with the Buff Ribband: Doctor Jebb, Sir John Pringle, Sir William Duncan, Doctor Hunter, and Doctor Heberden, in the medical Profeſſion. In the literary, Doctor Johnſon, Doctor Robertſon, and Mr. Hume.

Lord Stormont ſets out for his Embaſſy to Paris in a few Days, his Suite being entirely completed; and it is ſaid he has it particularly in Charge to obtain, if poſſible, the Admiſſion of our Hardware into France, even at the Price of an entire Removal of thoſe Duties which we lay upon the Wines of that Kingdom.

It is now abſolutely determined that no Superviſion ſhall be ſent to India till after the Parliament has conſidered the Propriety of the Meaſure, and given it a formal Sanction of judicial Authority.

The Parliament does not meet till the 26th. A few Days of Form will neceſſarily open the Month of December, and bring a Receſs for the Chriſtmas Holidays; the Eaſt India Ships, therefore, being obliged to ſail from the Downs in January, there is no Poſſibility of executing a Scheme of Supervifionſhip this Year, however agreeable the Meaſure may be to a Majority of the Proprietors.

By the beſt Computations made of the preſent State of the Eaſt India Company, it is thought that after diſcharging all its Encagements there will remain in the common Stock Goods and Merchandiſes to the Amount of five Millions Sterling.

On Tueſday laſt a Grant paſſed the Great Seal, to the Right Honourable George Viſcount Townſhend, of the Office of Maſter General of his Majeſty's Ordnance, &c. to hold the ſame from the Day on which he ſhall be ſucceeded in his Government of Ireland, at the Arrival of the Earl of Harcourt in that Kingdom.

Yeſterday the Sheriffs went to invite the Lord Chancellor, the great Officers of State, foreign Miniſters, Nobility, Judges, &c. to dine with the Lord Mayor next Monday at Guildhall.

Yeſterday the Mercers Company agreed to attend the Lord Mayor on the Water next Monday to Weſtminſter.

They write from Stockholm that his Swediſh Majeſty is expected to ſet out ſhortly on a Viſit to the King of Pruſſia, at Berlin.

Extract of a Letter from Algiers, *September* 4.

"Notwithſtanding the Reports, which I hear have prevailed in Europe, that a Peace, and a ſecure One, would certainly take Place between the different Powers of Barbary and the Chriſtian Powers they have by their numerous Piracies ſo juſtly offended, yet, however ſuch Accounts may be received by you, I can poſitively aſſure you that every Preparation is now making here to carry on a War with the utmoſt Vigour. The ſame warlike Appearances prevail over all the States, and in the Empire of Morocco; and they all, though generally avowed Enemies, are now in a State of the moſt perfect Harmony. Againſt what Power their Deſigns may be levelled, whether they mean to act upon the offenſive or defenſive, is at preſent impoſſible to inveſtigate; what appears very ſurpriſing is, that they are ſupplied with Cannon, Ammunition, Cordage, &c. by the Dutch."

We hear from Conſtantinople that the Grand Seignior has ordered the Inhabitants of the Archipelago to ſupply him immediately with four hundred Thouſand Piaſtres.

It is ſaid that the Electoral Houſe of Saxony hath juſt made a Demand on Poland for twenty ſix Millions of Rixdollars.

Letters from Warſaw mention that ſeveral Noblemen and Gentlemen have refuſed to take the Oath to the Emperour of Germany, in Conſequence of which their Eſtates have been ſequeſtered.

A Frigate of thirty ſix Guns, and a Sloop of eighteen, are ordered out on a Cruiſe on the Coaſts of Normandy; for what Purpoſe has not yet tranſpired.

It is reported that the military Laws are now under a Reviſion, by ſome General Officers.

When Mr. Chancellor, the City Crier, came to aſk Mr. Wilkes to attend the Lord Mayor elect at Mercer's Hall to dine, the Alderman anſwered, "Sir, it is my Duty to attend all real City Buſineſs, and you know how punctual I always am; but Mr. Townſend is a Gentleman I do not chooſe to break Bread with, much leſs to drink Wine with."

The following Paſquinade was yeſterday written on a Shop Window on Snow Hill:

THE FOUR DOGS.

Wilkes is a ſad Dog, Townſend is a mad Dog, Halifax is a mean Dog, and Shakeſpear is a drunken Dog.

November 6. By Letters from Toulon we learn that a Man of War of fifty Guns, and three Hundred and fifty Men, belonging to that Place, was loſt on the Coaſt of Britany on the 4th of laſt Month, and but three Hundred and four of the People ſaved.

By a private Letter from Peterſburg we learn that ſoon after the breaking up of the Congreſs at Fockzany the Grand Viziar deſpatched a Meſſenger to Count Romanzow, expreſſing great Concern for the Incident which cauſed that Event, and begging at the ſame Time that the Armiſtice might be prolonged two Months longer, in Order that the Negotiations might be renewed. He added, likewiſe, that if it would be more agreeable to the Ruſſian Court to appoint them to be held at Buchareſt, or elſewhere, he ſhould be entirely ſatisfied, and that he would either treat in Perſon or appoint freſh Plenipotentiaries or Commiſſaries. To theſe Propoſals (as well as withdrawing the Troops on each Side to a certain Diſtance from the Danube) General Romanzow replied, he had no Inſtructions from his Imperial Miſtreſs which could ſufficiently authoriſe him to give a deciſive Anſwer; nevertheleſs, that he would venture, at his own Peril, to extend the Truce for four Weeks from that Date, in Order to know the ultimate Intentions of his Court. A Courier is accordingly arrived at Peterſburg, and it is determined to ſend Count Maſlitz as firſt Plenipotentiary to Buchareſt, where the Conferences are to be renewed.

A moſt curious Preſent has been ſent to a great Lady, which conſiſts of the Tops of a Dreſſing Table, and Boxes and Ornaments of the ſame, made of Kennel Coal, and rimmed with Silver. This curious Production was ſent from Lancaſhire.

The Revenge, of ſixty four Guns, now at Chatham, is ordered to be got in Readineſs immediately, to ſerve as a Reinforcement to Admiral Dennis.

We are credibly informed that Alderman Plomer has ſubſcribed one Thouſand Pounds to the Bill of Rights Society.

This Day Mr. Williams, the Bookſeller in Fleetſtreet, withdrew his Recognizances in the Court of King's Bench for publiſhing the North Briton, Number 45, about ſeven Years ſince, and was finally diſcharged.

November 7. To-morrow the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, &c. will meet at Guildhall, when the Lord Mayor elect will be ſworn in; afterwards the two Lord Mayors will return in the State Coach to the Manſion Houſe, where the Aldermen, Sheriffs, &c. will be entertained at the joint Expenſe of the two Lord Mayors.

Orders are to be given for a Guard to be ready on Monday, to march on a Minute's Notice in Caſe of any Diſturbance.

Yeſterday, at the Cabinet Council held at St. James's, Sir Jeffery Amherſt was ſworn in one of his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Seat at the Board.

It is reported that the Regulation of the Prices of Proviſions, &c. will be the firſt Buſineſs at the approaching Seſſion of Parliament.

The following Account is given of the Seizure of the Papers and Perſon of the Prince de Conti, which has made a great Noiſe at Paris. The Prince de Conti having been ſuſpected by the Court to have favoured ſeveral ſeditious Papers lately publiſhed againſt the Miniſtry, and to have cauſed them to be privately printed at a Preſs he had erected in the Verge of the Temple where he holds his Court at Paris, the Chancellor Maupeau obtained a Lettre de Cacher, which he cauſed to be iſſued October the 13th. In Conſequence of this Arret, the Palace of the Prince was environed at Midnight by the Mouſquetaires and other Guards. The firſt ſecured the Manuſcripts and printed Papers; theſe were inſtantly depoſited in the Hands of Monſ. de Sartine, the Lieutenant of the Police. The Abbe Quillet (the ſuppoſed Author of the different Publications) together with the Printers, were then ſeized and conducted to the Baſtile. During the Confuſion one of the Prince's Poſtillions found Means to eſcape, and made the beſt of his Way to L'Iſle d'Adam, a Country Seat belonging to the Prince de Conti (where he then was) and acquainted him with what was tranſacting at his Palace. The Prince, greatly aſtoniſhed at the Intelligence, immediately ſet off for Paris; but he found his Perſon no more ſacred than his Houſe, his Papers, or his Secrets. The Miniſter, Maupeau, ſecured the Prince alſo; and the great and noble Aſſerter and Protector of the Liberties of his Country has been immured like a common Felon. What will be the Conſequence of this atrocious Stretch of Power in the Chancellor Time only can diſcloſe, but the Populace is ſo exaſperated that ſome dreadful Effects are to be expected. The other Princes of the Blood were ſo alarmed at this daring Attack of the Miniſter on ſo reſpectable a Part of their Body that they went from their Palaces in Paris to the Country with the utmoſt Precipitation, in the Opinion of many in a Manner very unworthy their high Births and Stations.

Extract of a Letter from Peterſburg, *October* 28.

"We have juſt received Advices here from the Crimea that the Tartars have roſe on a Garriſon of Ruſſians and deſtroyed moſt of them; thoſe who had the Happineſs to elude the Slaughter got ſafe to Raffa, from whence an Expreſs was immediately ſent to this Court. Deſpatches were immediately forwarded to the Ruſſian Commandants in the Crimea, to Buchareſt, and the Court of Conſtantinople; how the Affair will end cannot as yet be gueſſed, but the Court is in a very high Strain, and threatens a ſevere Revenge. Certain it is that the Crimea Tartars have the moſt inveterate Hatred to the Ruſſians, and joyfully preſer the Sway of the Grand Seignior to that of the Empreſs."

Letters from Berlin ſay that his Pruſſian Majeſty ſeems entirely bent on ſettling a naval Commerce in the Seaports of Pomerania and Poliſh Pruſſia.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, *November* 1.

"The Politicians of this Place are buſy employed in Speculations on the Affairs of Poland, and thoſe of Ruſſia and Turkey. Applications have been made here to the States General, by the King and Nobility of Poland, to aſſiſt them in oppoſing the Powers which have tyrannically ſeized upon the Poliſh Kingdom; but all Treaties of that Kind the States have abſolutely declined, ſaid to be on Account of ſome prior Treaties with the Courts of Berlin, Peterſburg, and Vienna. This Refuſal will certainly give the finiſhing Stroke to the Power of his Poliſh Majeſty, as he has no other Court to hope any Aſſiſtance from, but that of Great Britain, who knows her own Intereſt too well to endanger her German Dominions by entering upon a Scheme of Knight Errantry to ſuccour the Diſtreſſed. The Opinions concerning the new Congreſs are various, but many imagine it is only a Scheme of the Turks to gain Time."

The following Letter has been ſent to the Lord Mayor elect, and publiſhed in a Paper of this Day.

"My Lord, according to my Oath as a Freeman of London, I think it my Duty to inform your Lordſhip that a Mob is preparing to inſult you and the City of London in your Proceſſion on Monday next; it is provided by that Perſon in Weſtminſter who is uſually employed by Mr. Wilkes for that Purpoſe, and is compoſed chiefly of Perſons in the Purlieus of that Neighbourhood. If your Lordſhip will pleaſe to direct a Note, as mentioned in a private Letter to yourſelf, ſigned ***, you ſhall be furniſhed with the Name of the Employer. My Servant, my Lord, has been applyed to, and will upon Oath inform you of Particulars. I am, my Lord, An honeſt Freeman of London.

A Correſpondent ſays, Mr. Townſend, Mr. Sawbridge, Mr. Oliver, Sir Robert Bernard, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Bellas, Mr. Horne, &c. all abſolute Strangers to Mr. Wilkes and to each other, eſpouſed his Cauſe when he was an *Outlaw*, loaded with *thirty Thouſand Pounds* of Debt, and without a Friend or Acquaintance in the World that would countenance or aſſiſt him. Under every Diſcouragement, attacked with all Sorts of Ridicule and Abuſe, they ſpare no Expenſe, they decline no Fatigue, they ſhrink from no Danger, they leave no Perſon unſolicited, no honeſt Meaſure untried. By their Aſſiſtance chiefly, and at their Coſt, his Outlawry is ſet aſide, his Debts are diſcharged, his Fine paid, the Expenſes of his Impriſonment are born, he is four Times elected for Middleſex, he is made an Alderman of London, and an Annuity of near one Thouſand a Year for Life is provided for him. Mr. Wilkes grows intoxicated with Succeſs, procured by their Means; he thinks the whole Wealth and Power of the Kingdom are in his own Hands; he forbids and thwarts every publick Meaſure that has not him for their Object; he appropriates to himſelf five Thouſand Pounds in one Year; he oppoſes a Subſcription to Bingley, though to his honeſt Sufferings and patient enduring of a two Years Impriſonment we owe our Triumph over Attachments; he proteſts againſt a Gratuity to the Printers, though to their Courage we are indebted for the Freedom of the Preſs; he attempts to impoſe upon his Benefactors a falſe Liſt of Debts; he endeavours to make an Adherence to himſelf the only Touchſtone of publick Spirit, and would ſell the Favour of the People as corruptly as Miniſters do the Graces of their Prince; and becauſe theſe Men refuſe to be ſubſervient to his ſordid Views, and to ſink the publick Cauſe in the private Intereſt of Mr. Wilkes, he who owes all to them, his Releaſe from Priſon, his daily Bread whilſt in it, and his preſent publick Situation, has yet the Effrontery to tell the Publick (who know theſe notorious Facts) that theſe Men "are a Brood of Serpents whom Wilkes ignorantly nouriſhed with a generous Warmth in his Boſom!"

November 10. It is reported that a Frigat is arrived at Portſmouth, Expreſs from the Mediterranean, with an Account that one of his Majeſty's Ships, attempting to go into the Harbour of Carthagena, was fired upon from the Fort; and that the Captain of the Engliſh Ship reſolutely returned the Fire, but was ſoon overpowered and obliged to ſtrike.

It is ſaid that Orders have been given for twelve Ships of the Line to be got ready to ſail from Spithead, at an Hour's Warning.

Yeſterday, about two o'Clock, the Right Honourable James Townſend, Eſquire, Lord Mayor elect, was ſworn in as Lord Mayor at Guildhall for the Year enſuing. After that Ceremony, and the Sword Bearer, Mace Bearer, &c. had ſurrendered the ſame to the preſent Mayor, who delivered them to the Lord Mayor elect, he returned them to the reſpective Gentlemen. The old Lord Mayor then came forward, and addreſſed himſelf to the Livery to the following Effect: "That on the Expiration of his high and important Office, he was happy in the conſcious Reflection that he had employed his whole Time with the greateſt Integrity in promoting the Intereſt of his Fellow Citizens, and ſtudying the Happineſs of this great Metropolis; and his Lordſhip concluded by obſerving how worthy a Gentleman was to ſucceed him."

Monday Forenoon, at Half paſt eleven o'Clock, the new Lord Mayor, and the old Lord Mayor, Aldermen Stephenſon, Croſby, Sawbridge, Bull, Plomer, the two Sheriffs, the Common Serjeant, the two City Council, and other City Officers, went from Guildhall, the Mercers and Merchant Tailors Companies marching before them, with Muſick playing and Colours flying, to Queenhithe, where they took Water to go up to Weſtminſter. There was the greateſt Concourſe of People ever ſeen upon the Occaſion, who hiſſed and groaned the old Lord Mayor all the Way. After the new Lord Mayor had embarked on Board the City Barge the State Coach came back to the Manſion Houſe to carry the Lady Mayoreſs to Guildhall, as did Mr. Sheriff Lewes's Carriage for his Lady, who was with the Lady Mayoreſs at the Manſion Houſe.

Letters in Town from Spain aſſert, for a Fact, that the Spaniſh Admiralty have lately made a Demand of one Third of the twenty two Thouſand regiſtered Seamen from the different maritime Provinces of that Kingdom.

It is confidently reported, at the weſt End of the Town, that the Spaniards have now three powerful Fleets at Sea, one at the Havannah, and two more ready to act as Occaſion requires.

It is reported that an Account had been lately received from Galam, on the Coaſt of Africa, that Money was never known ſo ſcarce nor Slaves ſo dear as at preſent, moſt of the Storehouſes being full of Goods, as they cannot be ſold but to Diſadvantage.

It is reported that the Colony Agents intend to make Application to Parliament for Leave to eſtabliſh Mints for the coining of Silver Currency in America.

They write from Cork that for many Years there has not been known a greater Demand for the Exportation of all Sorts of Iriſh Proviſions, particularly Butter, ſeveral Thouſand Barrels of which are now ſhipping for Holland and Hamburg.

It is reported that the Court of Liſbon hath lately made ſome extraordinary Conceſſions in Favour of the Britiſh Commerce, the Particulars of which have not yet tranſpired.

Yeſterday came on, before the Lord Chancellor, at Lincoln's Inn Hall, a Petition, ſigned by a Number of the Creditors of Mr. Fordyce, late a Bankrupt, complaining of the Allowances, or Gifts, made by ſeveral other Creditors, without the Conſent of the Petitioners, to Mr. James, Mr. Neal, and Mr. Down, late Partners with Mr. Fordyce, and praying that the ſame may be ſet aſide; and likewiſe praying that the preſent Aſſignees might be diſcharged, or another added to thoſe already appointed. After hearing Counſel fully on all Sides, his Lordſhip obſerved, that as to the firſt Part of the Prayer he could not ſet aſide an Act which in itſelf was illegal and void, and entirely againſt the Statute; that as to the other Part prayed by the Petition, they were at Liberty to proceed to the Choice of another Aſſignee if they thought proper, but he was of Opinion that they could not do better than keep thoſe Gentlemen of Integrity and Abilities already appointed. The above mentioned Petition was ſigned by near ſixty Perſons, Creditors to the Amount of twenty ſeven Thouſand Pounds.

It is ſaid that in Conſequence of ſome recent Diſputes a patriotick Society at the weſt End of the Town will abſolutely be diſſolved.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, *October* 26.

"Not long ago there was a conſiderable Sale of Furniture and other Effects at a Gentleman's Seat near Fontainbleau, which drew together a great Number of Brokers and others, many of whom were permitted to eat in the Houſe, on which Occaſion they made Uſe of the Kitchen Utenſils; but ſome of theſe being badly tinned, twenty ſeven Perſons who eat of Things cooked in them were taken ill, ten of whom have died, and ſeveral others are not out of Danger."

A Correſpondent from Chatham aſſures us that England never ſaw herſelf in Poſſeſſion of ſo many fine Line of Battle Ships in Times of Peace as at preſent, the Number being little ſhort of eighty; but ſays he muſt add a few melancholy Truths, that Timber fit for building large Ships was never known ſo ſcarce, worſe Encouragement for good Seamen, nor fewer of them in actual Service; and concludes by remarking, that he knows ſeventy eight Lieutenants of tried Abilities now either Maſters of trading Veſſels or in foreign Employ; while a ſet of green Puppies, and powdered Macaronies, who do not know the Name of a Rope, are enjoying Part, and in full Career to the Poſſeſſion of the Whole, of thoſe Rewards which are only due to long and meritorious Service.

LIVERPOOL, *November* 13.

Extract of a Letter from Cheſter, *November* 10.

ON Thurſday Night laſt, the 5th Inſtant, the Inhabitants of this City were thrown into the utmoſt Conſternation by an inſtantaneous Shock, ſuppoſed at firſt to have been occaſioned by the Violence of an Earthquake, as the Houſes in every Quarter of the Town were ſhook to their Foundations. Vaſt Multitudes, overwhelmed with Surpriſe, immediatelyruſhed into the Streets and Lanes, not knowing where to fly for Safety, fearful of Conſequences which the Imagination depicted as big with every Danger and Diſtreſs. It was not long, however, before the real Cauſe was known; and a Scene of ſuch complicated Miſery preſented itſelf that can hardly be exceeded by any Inſtance recorded in Hiſtory. The preceding Day a Quantity of Gunpowder, upwards of eight Hundred Pounds Weight, had been depoſited in a Warehouſe in Watergate Street, under a Building known by the Name of Eaton's Room, in which one Williams, the Maſter of a Puppet Show, had for ſome Time paſt exhibited his Performances. The Company which theſe idle Amuſements had drawn together, on the fatal Evening, was very great (may ſuch another Evening never be known any Where) and in the Midſt of their Merriment, the Powder, by what Accident is not known, took Fire, and in a Moment moſt of the unhappy People were buried under a prodigious Heap of Ruins; ſome were thrown into neighbouring Courts, ſcorched and confuſed, and a few, but very few, had the good Fortune to eſcape with no other Hurt than a ſlight Burn, or a ſmall Scratch. The Numbers that flocked from all Parts to view the Place where Deſtruction had ſo ſuddenly fallen upon the Heads of many of their Fellow Citizens ſtood amazed at the Diſplay of ſo much Horrour; but the Groans and Shrieks of the yet alive miſerable Sufferers ſoon awaked their Humanity. Every Hand then lent a willing Aſſiſtance; vaſt Heaps of Stone and Timber were immediately removed, and the Bodies that had any Remains of Life in them, as faſt as they were raiſed from the Ruins, were either carefully conveyed to their Friends in the different Parts of the City, or to that noble, that truly beneficent Eſtabliſhment, the general Infirmary, where the Phyſicians and Surgeons, uninfluenced by any other Motive than the publick Good, have ſo largely contributed, by their Knowledge and Aſſiduity in their ſeveral Departments, to promote the Deſign of ſo excellent a Charity, ſtood ready to afford every poſſible Relief to the miſerable Objects that were preſented to them. It is impoſſible to come at the Knowledge of the exact Number of thoſe who ſhared in this ſhocking Calamity; the Account on which we can moſt depend is that the Killed, and thoſe ſince dead, amount to twenty three; and thoſe that were much burnt, had Contuſions, or broken Limbs, to eighty, moſt of which are likely to recover. Williams himſelf, his Wife, and three or four of the ſame Family, are of the Number of the Dead. Several promiſing Youths are alike loſt to their Parents and the Community, but how many Heads of Families have fallen undiſtinguiſhed we muſt leave to the prying Eye and the relieving Hand of Charity to find out; and we doubt not but her benign Influence once exerted will quickly penetrate the moſt retired Receſſes of the Wretched, and wipe away the Tears of the mourning Widow and the weeping Orphan."

Extract of another Letter from Cheſter, *of the ſame Date.*

"I have ſeen and talked with a black Man who was in the Room at the Time of the Accident; he is miſerably burnt, as are all thoſe that are ſaved. The Account he gave me was that he perceived a blue Fire under

the Floor, and in an Inſtant the Building blew up, and they were all in the Air jumbled together. He ſays he recovered his Senſes when in the Air, and is certain he muſt have aſcended very high, as he was long in coming down, and that he fell upon ſome Perſons which prevented his being killed.

"There was a Couple deſtroyed who had from their Infancy entertained a mutual Affection, and were deſigned by their Parents, for each other. The young Man was a very promiſing Youth, but I hope they are now in an Union from which they can never be ſevered; the Parents of both are diſtracted. The young Woman was an only Daughter, and would have had a handſome Fortune."

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 31.

THE Maſter of a Glaſgow Ship arrived in Rappahannock, from Havre de Grace, reports that the King of Pruſſia's taking Poſſeſſion of the City of Dantzick had given great Umbrage to the Court of France, and that it was every Day expected War would be declared againſt that Monarch; which, in all Probability, will involve Europe in the ſame Calamity.

We hear from Boſton that Admiral Montague, upon receiving ſome Deſpatches from England, was preparing to ſail for Rhode Iſland with ſome Ships of War, and that two Regiments are ordered there from New York. It is likewiſe ſaid, that a Motion was intended to be made, the next Seſſion of Parliament, to have the Charter of that Colony vacated.

[*Marriages.*] Mr. JERMAN BAKER, Attorney at Law, near Peterſburg, to Mrs. MURRAY, Relict of the late Mr. James Murray, of Prince George.

Mr. WILLIAM RANDOLPH, of Cheſterfield, to Miſs POLLY KENNON, Daughter of the late Colonel Richard Kennon, of Charles City.

The Peggy, Fither, from Liverpool, is arrived in James River.

☞ *We wiſh our Cuſtomers a happy* NEW YEAR; *and acknowledge the Receipt of the* NEW YEAR'S GIFT *from one of them, which ſhall have a Place in our next, as well as the* ACROSTICK *upon Miſs* MOLLY DIXON *of Frederickſburg by a young Gentleman of fourteen.*

Advertiſements.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 5, 1773.

MR. *Patrick Henry*, Junior, of *Hanover*, having been obliging enough to undertake to finiſh all ſuch Cauſes of my Clients as remain undetermined in the General Court, I deſire that they will be pleaſed to correſpond with, and furniſh him with proper Inſtructions.

As Mr. *Henry* is at a Diſtance from this Place, I will very gladly do any Thing in my Power towards expediting the Suits, forwarding Subpœnas, *&c.* between this Time and the ſucceeding General Court, when I ſhall deliver all Papers into his Hands, unleſs directed to the contrary. In moſt of the Suits ſtill depending I have received a very inconſiderable Part of the Fees, and in many none at all; but if in any Caſe it ſhould be thought that more has been paid me than my Services deſerved, I ſhall be ready to refund it. RO. C. NICHOLAS.

FREDERICKSBURG, *January* 1, 1773.

THE ſhort Notice of my Sale preventing the Attendance of Purchaſers, I propoſe ſelling the ſame Slaves at the ſame Place (*Frederickſburg*) on the 3d of *February*, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day. Credit will be allowed for one Half till the 1ſt Day of *May*, and for the other Half till the 1ſt of *November* next; the Purchaſers to get the Engagement of ſome Merchant to undertake for Payment at the Time appointed. The few that attended the former Sale can teſtify that they never ſaw ſo many young and likely Slaves at one Sale. As I ſell forty three, and twenty more are now appointed to be ſold on the ſame Day, and as I ſhall have a Dozen to hire out, it is ſuppoſed any Perſon that wants may ſuit himſelf. Thoſe that hire to give Bond and Security for the Payment of the Hire, and delivering up the Slaves at the Expiration of the Year. (4) JAMES MERCER.

KING & QUEEN, *January* 1, 1773.

I INTEND to leave the Colony immediately, for a few Months. I have for Sale a CHURCH ORGAN, which, for Elegance and Sweetneſs of Tone, is inferiour to none on the Continent. The whole Caſe is poliſhed Mohogany, the Pipes gilt, and the Imagery which adorns it ſtriking, and as large as the Life. The Price is two Hundred Pounds, which is vaſtly under the prime Coſt. The Payment will be made quite eaſy to the Purchaſer. It now ſtands in *Stratton Major* Church. Apply to *John Taylor Corbin*, Eſquire, or the Subſcriber.

WILLIAM DUNLAP.

JANUARY 1, 1773.

THE Sale of Mr. *Roger Dixon's* Eſtate, after three Days, being interrupted by bad Weather, and another Day being appointed, on which Nobody met, *Wedneſday* the 20th of this Inſtant, and the following Days, will be ſold the Remainder of the ſaid Eſtate, conſiſting of a Number of Lots in the Town of *Frederickſburg*, ſome of which have Improvements, near three Hundred Acres of LAND adjoining the Town, and a Tract of about three Hundred Acres, three Miles diſtant, payable the 15th of *December* next, with a Variety of good HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, and a few SLAVES, for which Credit will be allowed only until the 10th of *June*, upon Bond, with approved Security, being given to

JOHN DIXON, Adminiſtrator.

HANOVER Town, *January* 1, 1773.

I HEREBY give Notice that againſt the 1ſt of *March* next the Buſineſs now under my Management will be put into the Hands of Mr. *John Davis*, who has full Power to ſettle and collect the Debts due to Meſſ. *Murdechs, Donalds*, and Company, contracted at the Stores kept at *Boſwell's* by Mr. *William Donald*, and at this Place by me. As many People have hitherto put off the Settlement of their Accounts, they cannot expect longer Indulgence, unleſs their Debts are aſcertained; for which Purpoſe I will give conſtant Attendance here till the 1ſt of *March*, except the Time of the Merchants meeting in *Williamſburg*, and ſome of the adjoining County Court Days, which can be no Inconvenience to thoſe who come to ſettle, as Mr. *Davis*, who is thoroughly acquainted with the Buſineſs, will then attend. The Debts due to Meſſ. *Andrew Cochran, Robert Donald*, and Company, will be collected by Mr. *Richard Morris*, as formerly.

(3) JOHN JOHNSON.

IN Purſuance of a Decree of the County Court of *Spotſylvania* will be ſold, at *Concord* Forge, in ſaid County, on *Monday* the 25th of *January*, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day, the Tract of LAND whereon the ſaid Forge ſtands, containing nine Hundred Acres; alſo a Tract containing ſix Hundred Acres, about ſix Miles from the ſaid Forge, whereon *Thomas Poole* formerly lived, both Tracts having good Houſes on them; likewiſe twelve likely *Virginia* born SLAVES, together with all the HORSES, HOGS, HOUSE and KITCHEN FURNITURE, belonging to the ſaid *Poole*, to ſatisfy a Debt to the Honourable *John Taylor*, Eſquire. Credit will be allowed the Purchaſers for the Slaves and Stocks until the 25th of *October* next, on giving Bond and Security; the Bonds to bear Intereſt from the Date if not punctually paid, and the Credit for the Lands will be agreed on at the Day of Sale, by the Subſcriber. ANTHONY THORNTON, Junior.

ACCOMACK, *January* 1, 1773.

A QUANTITY of damaged GOODS put into my Hands by Captain *John Lawmont*, of the Ship *Phœnix*, from *Glaſgow*, ſaved out of the ſaid Ship, which was ſtranded on the 20th Inſtant, on the Sea Side of this County, will be ſold for the Benefit of the Enſurers, or Owners, on *Monday* the 18th Inſtant, and continue till all are ſold, at the Houſe of Mr. *Caleb Upſhaw*. They conſiſt of various Kinds of WOOLLENS, *Iriſh* LINENS, *German* OSNABRUGS, ROLLS, CLOAKS, HATS, CHEESE, and HABERDASHERY.

(2) EDWARD KER.

N. B. The HULL of the SHIP, with her MASTS and YARDS, will be ſold on the 20th of *January*, at *Paramore* Beach.

NORFOLK, *January* 2, 1773.

THE Hull and Materials of the Brigantine JOHN, *Joſiah Bradley* Maſter, lately put into this Port in Diſtreſs, on her Voyage from *Jamaica* to *London*, will be ſold at Vendue, on *Tueſday* the 12th of this Inſtant, for ready Money, for the Benefit of the Owners or Underwriters. GEORGE KELLY, V. M.

SUNDRY damaged GOODS, conſiſting of NEGRO DUFFIL BLANKETS, a PAIR MATRASS, and WOMENS KID GLOVES and MITTS, imported in the *Unity*, Captain *Gooſley*, from *London*, will be ſold at publick Vendue, for the Benefit of the Enſurers, at the *St. George* Tavern, in *York* Town, on *Tueſday* the 19th Inſtant (*January*) GEORGE RIDDELL.

For LEITH *and* ALLOA,

The Brigantine CHARMING MALLY,

NOW lying at *Lawſon's* Bay, in *Rappahannock*, a prime Sailer, well found, and has excellent Accommodation for Paſſengers, having two Thirds of her Cargo ready to go on Board, and will be clear to ſail by the 1ſt of *February*. Thoſe who incline to go Paſſengers are deſired to apply to Mr. *David Blair*, Merchant in *Frederickſburg*, Mr. *James Lang*, Merchant at *Hobb's Hole*, or the Subſcriber.

(2‖) JOHN MILLER.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* EUROPE,

THE Brig ABBY, *Jonas Herbert* Maſter, Burthen from ſeven to eight Thouſand Buſhels of Grain, has made only two Voyages, not quite twelve Months off the Stocks, and is well fitted. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*.

(Tf) JOHN GREENWOOD.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* EUROPE,

THE Brig MOLLY, *John Collins* Maſter, Burthen about ſeven Thouſand Buſhels of Grain, and eighteen Months old. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*.

(Tf) JOHN GREENWOOD.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt Bidder, on the Premiſes, on* Wedneſday *the* 27th *Inſtant* (January) *purſuant to a Decree of* James City *Court*,

THE HOUSES and LOTS, near the Capitol, belonging to the Eſtate of *Chriſtopher Ayſcough*, deceaſed. Three Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer, on giving Bond, with approved Security, to

(‖) JOHN BROWN, Sheriff.

To be SOLD *at publick Auction, on the Premiſes, purſuant to the Will of Mrs.* Frances Arnott, *deceaſed, on* Wedneſday *the* 20th *of* January,

THE PLANTATION and Tract of LAND whereon Mrs. *Arnott* lately lived, lying on *Black* Creek, in *New Kent*, containing four Hundred Acres, whereon is a very good Dwellinghouſe, and ſeveral convenient Outhouſes; the Situation is very agreeable, and convenient to Church, Court, and Mill; the Soil is good for Tobacco, Wheat, and Corn, and the Plantation in very good Order for Cropping. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed for one Half the Purchaſe Money, and eighteen Months Credit for the other Half, the Purchaſer giving Bond, with good Security, to the Executors. (2)

To be SOLD, *on* Wedneſday *the* 27th *of this Inſtant* (January) *if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day, at the Dwellinghouſe of the late Mrs.* M'Pherſon *of* Caroline,

THE Tract of LAND whereon ſhe lived, containing two Hundred and fifty Acres, with a good Dwellinghouſe and other Outhouſes, all in good Repair, and the Land fit for Cropping. Alſo twenty ſeven exceeding valuable SLAVES, together with Stocks of black CATTLE, HORSES, and SHEEP, being the Donation of the late Mr. *Archibald M'Pherſon*, and now veſted in the Truſtees of the Town of *Frederickſburg*, for charitable Uſes. The Stock, and Part of the other Eſtate, will be ſold at ſhort Credit, to raiſe three Hundred Pounds to pay off the Debts of Mr. *M'Pherſon*, and the Remainder to be ſold on the following Terms: Purchaſers of a Hundred Pounds to have Credit for ſeven Years, paying Intereſt annually from the Date, on giving landed Security, at the Charge of the Purchaſer; but if annual Intereſt be unpaid for two Months after it is due, the Principal to be called in. Purchaſers under a Hundred Pounds to have Credit for one Year, bearing Intereſt from the Sale, on giving Bond and Security to the Truſtees of *Frederickſburg*. (1‖)

To be SOLD *to the higheſt Bidder, before Mr.* Benjamin Johnſton's *Door in* Frederickſburg, *on* Wedneſday *the* 3d *of* February *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day*,

ABOUT twenty likely *Virginia* born SLAVES, one Half the Money for which is to be paid down, and twelve Months Credit allowed for the other Half, giving Bond and good Security, bearing Intereſt from the Date, provided the Bonds are not diſcharged when they become due. At the ſame Time and Place will be ſold about four Hundred Acres of exceeding fine Tobacco and Grain LAND, at the *South Weſt* Mountains in *Orange*, about four Miles below the Courthouſe. The Terms for the LAND will be agreed on at the Day of Sale.

To be SOLD, *or* LET *on* CHARTER *to the* Weſt Indies, Great Britain, *or* Ireland,

THE Snow LANCASTER, Burthen five Thouſand Buſhels, or two Hundred and thirteen Hogſheads of Tobacco, now lying in *Corotoman*. For Terms apply to the Subſcribers, living on *Corotoman*.

(2‖) HARVEY & DEANS.

I THE Subſcriber do Purpoſe to ſell the Plac I Live on or I'll trade it for young Negroes or I'll Lees it for a term of years there is by Cumputation 230 acres of Land Near fifty Low grounds it Lyeth on *appomattock* River in *Prince Edward* County oppoſet to the Court houſe and is Convenient to all the Profits our Settlement affords us But I Expect my Wife will not make over her Right by Reaſon I am oblig'd to advertiſe her to prevent farther Miſchief Since She has taken up with others and be Ly'd me and has threttened to burn my houſes and to Poyſon my Cretures and trades away my affex Privately underhanded and Cauſes the Children to do it too there fore to Prevent her tradeing to Reuingning me I here fore Warn all Perſons from tradeing with my Wife *judeth Hall* or the Children at any Rate at all or even borrowing of them or Lending to them without an order from me Since She is intended to Diſtroy what I have. I will Pay no Debt of her Contracting (‖) WILLIAM HALL.

all things doth ſeem for to Decay
When Paſſion Drives and avaris Leads the way
November 15th 1772

RUN away from the Subſcriber, on *Sunday* the 27th of *December*, an indented Servant Lad named JAMES PATTERSON, about five Feet eight Inches high, a well ſet Fellow, of a fair Complexion, ſhort brown Hair which curls very much, and had on, when he went away, a Buff coloured Jeans Coat, a blue Broadcloth Waiſtcoat, Buckſkin Breeches, an Oſnabrug Shirt, *Virginia* made Shoes, and a very good Hat, and took with him ſundry other Clothes. He ran away laſt *June*, changed his Name, and got on Board a Ship in Order to make his Eſcape out of the Country, which may probably be his Intention now. I hereby forewarn all Maſters or Owners of Veſſels from harbouring or carrying him out of the Colony, at their Peril. Whoever ſecures him ſo that I may get him again ſhall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, or THREE POUNDS if delivered to me in *Charles City*.

ALEXANDER GORDON.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, on the 25th of laſt Month (*December*) an Apprentice Boy named BENJAMIN HOPE BLASINGHAM, about ſeventeen Years old, of the middle Size, with a down Look, long black Hair tied behind, and has ſerved about three Years to the Tailor's Buſineſs; he had on, when he went away, a light Duffil Coat about Half worn, with large yellow Metal Buttons on it, a ſtriped *Virginia* Cloth Waiſtcoat, and a Pair of *Virginia* Jeans Breeches, of a greeniſh Colour, quite new. On the 26th of the ſame Month he ſtole from Mr. *Willis Wills*, of *King* and *Queen* County, a ſmall bright bay MARE about four Feet two or three Inches high, trots and gallops well, and has a ſmall dull Star in her Forehead, a Snip on her Noſe, a few Saddle Spots, and had on a Saddle when ſtolen away. Whoever will deliver the ſaid Apprentice, with the Mare and Saddle, to me in *Glouceſter* County, near the Courthouſe, ſhall have the above Reward, or for either of them FIVE DOLLARS. (2‖) HENRY HALL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *January* 7, 1773.

RUN away, laſt *Monday* Night, a NEGRO Negro Boy about five Feet two or three Inches high, fifteen Years old, or thereabouts, very likely, and ſpeaks but few Words of *Engliſh*; he had on, when he went away, a new brown Beaverkin Jacket with large white Metal Buttons, old blue Breeches without Lining, Country knit brown Stockings, and a light Pair of Shoes with ſtraps. He was purchaſed laſt *November* of Mr. *Adam Fleming*, Merchant at *Cabin Point*, when in *Williamſburg*. Whoever ſecures him ſo that he may be had, or delivers him at the Poſt Office, ſhall be rewarded according to the Trouble they may be at.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subſcriber, in *Suſſex*, near the Chapel, on *Rocktoon* Swamp, the 16th of *November*, a gray ſkeabitten MARE about four Feet ſix or ſeven Inches high, ſix Years old, paces naturally, is Cat-hammed, has a hanging Mane and Tail, and had on a good Saddle and Bridle when loſt. Whoever will bring the ſaid Mare to me, or give me Intelligence where I may get her, ſhall have TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward.

(2) GEORGE LONG, Junior.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 31, 1772.

JUST arrived, in the *Unity*, Captain *Gooſley*, and to be ſold at *John Carter's* Store, for ready Money, a Variety of freſh GARDEN SEEDS, namely, Early Golden Hotſpur Peas, Early Charlton Peas, *Ledman's* Dwarf Peas, ſhort Sugar Peas, Dwarf Marrow Peas, Long Pod Beans, *Windſor* Beans, *Canterbury* Dwarf Kidney Beans, Silver Skin Onion Seed, Carrot Seed, white round Turnip Seed, Salmon Radiſh Seed, Spinnage, ſolid Celery, curled Parſley, curled Creſs, Early Dwarf Sugar Loaf Cabbage, large Ditto, large *Engliſh* Ditto, beſt Colliflower Seed, purple and green Broccoli, white Cos Lettice, *Sileſia* Ditto, beſt Hyſon Teas at eighteen, twenty, and twenty two Shillings and Sixpence a Pound, Bohea Tea at five Shillings, beſt Jar Raiſins and Currens, white and brown Sugar Candy, and a Variety of Paper Hangings.

DECEMBER 26, 1772.

AS the Day appointed for the Sale of our Land, Forge, Mill, *&c.* was very bad, we have poſtponed the Sale till the 20th of next Month, when we purpoſe to ſell according to our former Advertiſement. PHILIP P. EDMONDSON.

(2‖) JOHN RUFFIN.

*** I alſo have a Piece of LAND in *Middleſex*, containing about three Hundred and twenty Acres, which I will ſell that Day very cheap. Part of the Money to be paid down. PHILIP P. EDMONDSON.

JONATHAN PROSSER,

TAILOR,

WILLIAMSBURG,

RETURNS Thanks to his Cuſtomers, and others from whom he has received Favours, and begs Leave to acquaint them that he continues his Buſineſs in all its Branches, which, from many Years Experience in *London*, he is bold to ſay he underſtands as well as any Man in *Europe*, and has given the greateſt Satisfaction to all Gentlemen of Faſhion and Dignity who have been pleaſed to employ him in *Virginia*. In Order to enable him the better to fulfil his Engagements, as well as to ſupport his Family, he gives this publick Notice, that he is determined to work for none but ſuch as chooſe to pay him upon the Delivery of their Clothes. The many bad Payments he has laboured under induces him to take this Method, on Account of which he has ſuffered by Lawſuits, as well as for Family Neceſſaries, which are almoſt innumerable, and demand immediate Caſh. If any Gentlemen pleaſe to employ him upon theſe Terms they ſhall have their Buſineſs well executed, without any Diſappointments; and thoſe who are indebted to him are deſired to make immediate Payment, to prevent Suits being commenced againſt them.

☞ I will pay twelve Shillings and Sixpence weekly to Journeymen who underſtand their Buſineſs well.

JONATHAN PROSSER.

JOHN BRUCE, M. A.

WILL give very good Encouragement to a Perſon of irreproachable Morals, capable of aſſiſting him to teach the GREEK, LATIN, and ENGLISH LANGUAGES. Such a Perſon's being acquainted with the different Branches of the MATHEMATICKS, and excelling in WRITING, will be an additional Recommendation. Application may be made to himſelf, at his own Room, over againſt the Church, Head of *Cumberland* Street, *Norfolk*.

COBHAM, *December* 31, 1772.

AS the Time of Credit allowed at the Sales of the Eſtate of the deceaſed *James R. Bradby* expired the 25th of this Month, and as the Creditors promiſe no longer Indulgence, Notice is hereby given to all Perſons indebted on that, or any other Account, to make immediate Payment, otherwiſe they muſt expect to be called upon in a more rigorous Manner. The Gentlemen who purchaſed at the Sales in the Counties of *Amelia* and *Cumberland* are requeſted to diſcharge their Bonds before or at the next enſuing *January* Meeting of the Merchants in *Williamſburg*, where I will attend for that Purpoſe. The Creditors who have not already are now deſired to make known their Claims, in Order to a Settlement. WILLIAM HAY.

PETERSBURG, *December* 15, 1772.

LANDED from on Board the *Brilliant*, Captain *Bennet*, from *Glaſgow*, a Hundred and ten IRON POTS, ten SKILLETS, ſix Pair of FIRE DOGS, and three Faggots of STEEL, for which no Bills of Lading were granted. Any Perſon or Perſons having a Property in theſe Articles are deſired to apply to

EDWARD BRISBANE.

CEDAR POINT WAREHOUSE, *near* PETERSBURG, DECEMBER 16, 1772.

WHEREAS *James Foſter*, on the 4th Inſtant, came to the ſaid Warehouſe, and, after many Hogſheads of Tobacco had been inſpected and entered as uſual on our Book, applied to us for Notes for four Hogſheads numbered as follows:

No.	G.	T.	N.
560	1255	132	1123,
561	1200	125	1075,
562	1175	128	1047,
563	1240	131	1109,

alleging that the ſame were his Property, and no Perſon appearing to contradict his Claim, we, not ſuſpicious of any fraudulent Deſign in him, gave Notes accordingly, but in ſome ſhort Time after one of the real Proprietors came to the ſaid Warehouſe, aſſerted and proved his Right to one of the ſaid Hogſheads of Tobacco, and informed us that others had the ſame Right to other of the above deſcribed Hogſheads: The Intention of this Advertiſement is therefore to guard any Perſon from Impoſition by purchaſing the ſaid Notes, or any of them, as they will not be delivered under the Notes ſo fraudulently obtained by the ſaid *Foſter*, as we do not know that either of the Hogſheads were really his, but have good Reaſon to ſuſpect the contrary. WILLIAM EPPES, } Inſpectors.

(2‖) WILLIAM PEGRAM, }

TAKEN from off the Table at *Cruchfield's* Warehouſe, in *Hanover* County, the 15th of this Inſtant (*December*) a Note for four Hogſheads of Tobacco, ſigned *Clarke* and *Wingfield*, which are marked and numbered as follows.

No. 1	1210	150	1060,
2	1290	167	1123.
3	1275	135	1140.
4	1289	137	1152.

All Perſons are hereby forewarned from purchaſing the above Tobacco Note, unleſs it be from the right Owner.

(1‖) JOSEPH ISBELL.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Part of* EUROPE,

THE Ship MERMAID, *Joſeph Towart* Maſter, Burthen about four Hundred Hogſheads. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*. (Tf) JOHN GREENWOOD.

Who has for Sale a Quantity of ſmall SALT, imported in the ſaid Ship from *Liverpool*.

POETS CORNER.

LIFE. An ODE.

LIFE! the dear precarious Boon!—
Soon we loſe, alas! how ſoon!
Fleeting Viſion, falſely gay!
Graſp'd in vain, it fades away;
Mixing with ſurrounding Shades,
Lovely Viſion! how it fades!
Let the Muſe, in Fancy's Glaſs,
Catch the Phantoms as they paſs:
See they riſe! a Nymph behold
Careleſs, wanton, young, and bold;
Mark her devious haſty Pace,
Antick Dreſs, and thoughtleſs Face,
Smiling Cheeks, and roving Eyes,
Cauſeleſs Mirth, and vain Surpriſe;
Tripping at her Side, a Boy
Shares her Wonder, and her Joy;
This is Folly, Childhood's Guide,
This is Childhood at her Side.
What is he ſucceeding now,
Myrtles blooming on his Brow,
Bright and bluſhing as the Morn,
Not on Earth a Mortal born?
Shafts to pierce the Strong I view,
Wings the Flying to purſue;
Victim of his Power, behind
Stalks a Slave of human Kind,
Whoſe Diſdain of all the Free
Speaks his Mind's Captivity.
Love's the Tyrant, Youth the Slave,
Youth in vain is wiſe or brave;
Love with conſcious Pride deſies
All the Brave, and all the Wiſe.
Who art thou, with anxious Mien,
Stealing o'er the ſhifting Scene?
Eyes with tedious Vigils red,
Sighs, by Doubts and Wiſhes bred,
Cautious Step, and glancing Leer,
Speak thy Woes, and ſpeak thy Fear;
Arm in Arm, what Wretch is he,
Like thyſelf, who walks with thee?
Like thy own his Fears and Woes,
All thy Pangs his Boſom knows:
Well, too well! my boding Breaſt
Knows the Names your Looks ſuggeſt,
Anxious, buſy, reſtleſs Pair!
Manhood, link'd by Fate to Care.
Wretched State! and yet 'tis dear;
Fancy, cloſe the Proſpect here!
Cloſe it, or recall the paſt,
Spare my Eyes, my Heart, the laſt.
Vain the Wiſh! the laſt appears,
While I gaze it ſwims in Tears;
Age, my future Self, I trace
Moving ſlow with feeble Pace,
Bending with Diſeaſe and Cares,
All the Load of Life he bears;
White his Locks, his Viſage wan,
Strength, and Eaſe, and Hope, are gone.
Death, the ſhadowy Form I know!
Death o'ertakes him, dreadful Foe!
Swift they vaniſh, mournful Sight,
Night ſucceeds, impervious Night!
What thoſe dreadful Glooms conceal,
Fancy's Glaſs can ne'er reveal;
When ſhall Time the Veil remove?
When ſhall Light the Scene improve?
When ſhall Truth my Doubts diſpel?
Awful Period! who can tell?

To be LET *on* CHARTER, *for* London *or* Glaſgow,

THE Ship VULTURE, *John Lewis* Maſter, now lying in *Appomattox* River, Burthen about four Hundred Hogſheads. For Terms apply to the Captain on Board, or the Subſcriber, in *Petersburg*.

(2) RICHARD BOOKER.

To be LET *on* CHARTER *to any Port in* GREAT BRITAIN,

THE Brigantine RENFREW, about four Hundred Hogſheads Burthen, a new Veſſel, *Baltimore* built, now lying at *Norfolk*. Apply to Mr. *James Lyle*, Merchant in *Manchester*, *James* River, or Mr. *James Ingram*, Merchant in *Norfolk*. (1)

To be SOLD *by publick Auction, on the Premiſes, on Wedneſday the 27th of* January, *purſuant to a Decree of the County Court of* James City,

THOSE HOUSES and LOT, on the main Street in the City of *Williamſburg*, where the late Mrs. *Catherine Blaikley*, deceaſed, lived, adjoining the Lots of Mr. *Charles Taliaferro*, and oppoſite thoſe of *John Blair*, Eſquire. Six Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer, on giving Bond, with good Security, to THOMPSON SWANN.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *King William*, on the 23d Inſtant *(December)* a yellow Negro Fellow named ÆNEAS, very ſtout, and well made, has a few Pits of the Smallpox in his Face, and is by Trade a Gardener. He had committed a Robbery, and expected to ſuffer for it, which was the Cauſe of his Elopement. It is expected he carried with him a ſorrel HORSE about fourteen Hands high, with a ſtarr'd Main and Tail, ſaddled, and I fear will endeavour immediately to get out of the Colony. I will give a genteel Reward to any Perſon who will apprehend and deliver to me the ſaid Fellow and Horſe, and I do expreſsly forewarn all Maſters of Veſſels from carrying him out of the Country. CARTER BRAXTON.

COMMITTED to the Jail of *Middleſex*, two Negroes; one of them is a ſhort black Fellow, named WATCH, and formerly belonged to *James Mills*, Eſquire, of *Urbanna*, who ſold him to *Edmund Wilcox* of *Amherſt*; the other is a middle ſized Mulatto Fellow, named BARNABY, who formerly belonged to Mr. *Augustine Smith* of this County, but now ſays he belongs to Mr. *Thomas Crawford* of *Brunſwick*. The Owner's may have them on proving their Properties, and paying Charges to

(2) JAMES WORTHAM, Jailer.

WHEREAS *Thomas Owen* of *Pittſylvania* has my Bond for a Hundred and ten Pounds, in Conſideration of a Tract of Land in *Prince Edward*, for which he can make no legal Right, I take this Method to inform the Publick not to take an Aſſignment of the ſame, as I will not pay it before a juſt Title is obtained.

WILLIAM WOOTTEN.

To be RENTED,

THE STORE, COUNTING ROOM, and large WAREHOUSE, with many Diviſions in it, wherein Mr. *William M'Whann* formerly kept Store. For Terms apply to me, in *Blandford*.

JOHN BAIRD.

RICHMOND, *December* 15, 1772.

I INTEND for *ENGLAND* ſoon.

JOHN ELAM, Junior.

To be SOLD, *at the late Dwelling-Houſe of Colonel* John Fleming, *deceaſed, in* Cumberland *County, on* Thurſday *the 21ſt of* January *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

ABOUT fifty choice SLAVES, among whom there is a good Blackſmith, and ſeveral other valuable Tradeſmen. Alſo Stocks of HORSES, CATTLE, and SHEEP, a large Quantity of CORN and FODDER, PLANTATION UTENSILS, and ſeveral other uſeful Articles. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaſers giving Bond and Security to the Executor.

N. B. The Bonds are to carry Intereſt from the Date if not diſcharged when due.—An exceeding fine Plantation to be rented at any Time before the Sale.

COMMITTED to *York* Priſon, a Negro Man named JACK, who ſays that he belongs to Captain *Robert Walker* of *Charles City*; he is five Feet ſeven or eight Inches high, has a Lump over his left Eye, and keeps it Half ſhut. He has on a blue Half-thicks Coat with white Metal Buttons, an Oſnabrug Shirt and Trouſers, and *Virginia* made Stockings and Shoes. The Owner is deſired to fetch him away, and pay Charges to WILLIAM MITCHELL.

STOLEN out of the Subſcriber's Paſture the 22d of *October* laſt, a BAY HORSE about four Feet and a Half high, with ſome white Hairs on his Withers, paces and trots, and branded on the near Buttock I C P. Whoever delivers the ſaid Horſe to me, in the great Fork of *Culpeper*, or contrives me Word where I may get him, ſhall have THIRTY SHILLINGS Reward.

JAMES POLLARD.

STOLEN from the Subſcriber's Plantation in *Eſſex* County, on the 10th or 12th of *November* laſt, a likely BAY MARE about four Feet ſix or ſeven Inches high, very forward with Foal, has a Star in her Forehead, and on her Back, about ſix or ſeven Inches from her Ears, ſhe has a white Streak which was occaſioned by the Cut of a Rope, a dark hanging Mane and Switch Tail, white hind Legs, and is branded on the near Buttock RJ. Alſo a SUTTY coloured GRAY HORSE, four Years old laſt Spring, about four Feet ſix or ſeven Inches high, with a dark hanging Mane and Sprig Tail, cannot recollect that he is branded, but if he is it is RW on one of his Buttocks. Whoever will deliver the ſaid Horſe and Mare to the Subſcriber ſhall have FIVE POUNDS Reward for both, or FIFTY SHILLINGS for either of them; and TWENTY POUNDS upon Conviction of the Thief, if a white Man. ROBERT P. WARING.

TAKEN up, in *Cheſterfield*, a dark bay HORSE about ten or twelve Years old, four Feet eight or nine Inches high, with a Blaze Face, white hind Legs, paces, trots, and gallops. Poſted, and appraiſed to twelve Pounds.

FRANCIS GOODE.

TAKEN up, a BLACK MARE about four Years old, four Feet three Inches high, a Star in her Forehead, not dockt, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock ∏. Poſted, and appraiſed to five Pounds,

(1) ABRAM PAYN.

TAKEN up, in *Bedford*, a middle ſized BLACK HORSE about ten Years old, has ſome Saddle Spots, and one of his Hips a little lower than the other, no Brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to four Pounds. GEORGE CALDWELL.

TAKEN up, in *Albemarle*, a BRIGHT BAY MARE about four Feet ſeven Inches high, ten Years old, paces, trots, and gallops, had on a large Bell, and branded on the near Buttock OC in a Piece, and F F, the one above the other. Poſted and appraiſed to ſix Pounds.

(1) JESSE MOORE.

TREASURY OFFICE, *December* 16, 1772.

I CANNOT ſufficiently expreſs my Aſtoniſhment that ſo little Punctuality was obſerved by many Collectors of the Duties and Taxes, as well as others indebted to the Treaſury, in the Payments they ought to have made at the laſt General Court and the late Meeting of the Merchants, I know it has been inſinuated by ſome that I am inclined to be over rigorous, but let all ſuch conſider how very eſſential it is to the Honour of this great Country that the Credit of its publick Treaſury ſhould be effectually maintained, and let them inform me how I am to anſwer the Demands of the publick Creditors, and be prepared to exchange the Treaſury Notes, unleſs the Duties and Taxes impoſed for theſe Purpoſes are regularly collected and paid.

When I had the Honour of being firſt appointed to this Office it is very well known how Matters ſtood; many Collectors, largely indebted, were dead, and I found many innocent Securities unhappily involved in the greateſt Difficulties. Under theſe Circumſtances I judged it moſt adviſable to induce Things to Order by Degrees, having Regard to the ultimate Security of the Publick. By purſuing this Method I am convinced much has been ſaved, and flatter myſelf it will be found that very few, if any, Debts will be loſt which were not deſperate before I had any Thing to do with them. But Indulgencies of every Kind muſt now be at an End, and my Duty compels me to acquaint all concerned that I ſhall hold myſelf indiſpenſably obliged, without Reſpect of Perſons, to put the Laws into the ſtricteſt Execution againſt all ſuch as continue in Arrear after the 25th of *January* next, when another general Meeting of the Merchants is expected; and that I ſhall, in future, after the End of every General Court, think it neceſſary to publiſh an exact Liſt of every Defaulter. I deſire the ſeveral Clerks to ſend me the proper Liſts and Copies of the Collectors Bonds given from Time to Time, that I may be prepared to enforce a Performance of the Conditions of them. I muſt alſo requeſt the ſeveral High Sheriffs to make up their Accounts for their whole Counties at once; and, to avoid the Confuſion that may be introduced into the Office by the Remiſſneſs of many Under Sheriffs, as well as other Collectors, I declare, once for all, that I will receive no partial Payments.

Finding that ſuch Part of the Fund as was expected to ariſe from Ordinary Licenſes is likely to be diminiſhed, and it having been repreſented to me that this is owing to many Ordinary Keepers failing to renew their Licenſes regularly, I muſt beg it as a Favour of the Gentlemen Deputy Attornies to give ſome Attention to this Buſineſs, and I will, on Demand, pay all Fees that may ariſe in ſuch Proſecutions as they may think neceſſary to engage in, where they cannot be had of the Delinquents.

(6) RO. C. NICHOLAS, Treaſurer.

To be SOLD *at* Hanover *Courthouſe, on the 4th of* February *next, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day,*

ABOUT twelve choice *Virginia* born SLAVES. A Credit will be allowed the Purchaſers till the 1ſt of *May* next, on giving Bond and good Security. If the Money ariſing from the Sale is not paid on the Day it becomes due, Intereſt is to be paid from the Date of the Bond. (4)

For SALE, *in the Town of* NEWCASTLE,

A LARGE two Story DWELLINGHOUSE, with three commodious Rooms on a Floor, each with a Fireplace. It is exceedingly well calculated for a Tavern, and is pleaſantly ſituated near the River. The Terms may be known of the Subſcriber, near the Premiſes.

(tf) W. JOHNSON.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, at *Peterſburg*, about the Middle of *September* laſt, a very likely Negro Man named PHILL, about twenty Years of Age, of a yellow Complexion, and about five Feet nine Inches high, proportionably made. He is a Native of *Africa*, but ſpeaks broken *Engliſh*, having been ſome Years in the *Weſt Indies*, and has loſt two Joints off two of his Fingers on his right Hand. Had on, when he went away, an Oſnaburg Shirt, an old *Virginia* Cloth Waiſtcoat, with a new Negro Cotton Jacket over it, and a Pair of old Check Trouſers. As he has been uſed to the Sea, he will probably endeavour to get on Board ſome Ship and make his Eſcape out of the Colony; all Maſters of Veſſels are therefore forewarned from harbouring or carrying him off, at their Peril.

I will give THREE POUNDS Reward to any Perſon who will deliver ſaid Slave to me, or to Mr. *Hugh M'Mekin* at *Portſmouth*, and FORTY SHILLINGS to ſecure him in any Jail, and give Notice thereof.

(tf) THOMAS GORDON.

THE Subſcriber has for Sale about ſeven Thouſand Acres of LAND, four Thouſand of which lie in the County of *Buckingham*, known by the Name of the *Buckingham* Tract, and is all very valuable high Land; the other Tract, which lies on both Sides of *Willis*'s Creek, in the Counties of *Buckingham* and *Cumberland*, contains upwards of four Hundred Acres of exceeding rich low Ground, and very good high Land, with Tobacco Houſes, and others, ſufficient for twenty Hands. It will be ſold in Lots, or altogether, as may be agreed on, and will be ſhown by Mr. *Cary Harriſon*, at the Fork of *Willis*'s Creek. For Terms apply to (8) ARCHIBALD CARY.

For SALE,

FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE ACRES OF LAND, IN *HALIFAX* COUNTY, *NORTH CAROLINA*.

THE ſaid Land lies about ſix Miles above *Halifax* Town, is well wooded and watered, the Soil good for Corn, Wheat, &c. and affords as good Range, for Stock of all Kinds, as any Land in the County. There is a remarkable fine Apple Orchard on the Place, a good Dwelling-Houſe, and ſundry Outhouſes. For Terms apply to Mr. *William Headrie*, who lives near the Premiſes, or to.

(10) JAMES AULD.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT eleven Hundred Acres of LAND in *Orange* County, thirty Miles from *Fredericksburg*, on the Road to the Courthouſe. For Particulars inquire of Captain *Reuben Daniel*, who is empowered to treat for the ſame. The Land may be laid off in Parcels, as beſt ſuits, twelve Months allowed the Purchaſers, and an indiſputable Title will be made.

(Tf) GEORGE DANIEL.

TWENTY POUNDS REWARD

FOR apprehending JOHN HUTCHINSON, who ran away laſt Night from the Subſcriber, in *Lancaſter*. He is a Blackſmith by Trade, a likely ſtout Man, about five Feet ten or eleven Inches high, wore his own ſhort dark Hair, and is a *Yorkſhireman*, which may be eaſily known by his Dialect, is much given to Drink, and in which he is apt to be very noiſy. He took with him a brown Duroy Coat lined with white Durant or Tammy; alſo a brown Water Dog with a white Face, which I expect is ſtill with him, as he was a great Favourite. A ſhort Time before he ran off he broke open the Houſe of Mr. *Anthony M'Rubae*, and ſtole about forty Pounds. The above Reward will be paid to any Perſon who delivers the ſaid Runaway and Cuſh, or TEN POUNDS for him alone, and FIVE POUNDS to have him ſecured in any Jail within this Colony.

NOVEMBER 4, 1772. (Tf) THOMAS POLLARD.

A VENDUE,

For the SALE of MERCHANDISE, &c. is held by

JOHN HART,

In PHILADELPHIA, at the Corner of *South* and *Front* Streets.

*** Thoſe that pleaſe to favour him with their Cuſtom may depend on his beſt Endeavours to render ſatisfactory Sales. (12)

KING GEORGE, *November* 12, 1772.

AS I intend for *Britain* next Spring, I would be glad to diſpoſe of the Plantation whereon I now live, containing about four Hundred Acres of LAND, whereon are ſeveral valuable Peach and Apple Orchards. The Houſe is large and commodious, with all neceſſary Outhouſes, and commands a moſt agreeable Proſpect of both *Potowomack* and *Rappahannock* Rivers. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, on the Premiſes, within two Miles of *Leeds*.

(tf) THOMAS OSWALD.

WARWICK, *October* 25, 1772.

AS the Store formerly kept by *Alexander Stewart* at *Rocky Ridge*, for *James* and *Robert Donald*, and Company, is now broke up, and the Debts put into my Hands to collect, all thoſe indebted for Dealings there are deſired to pay off their Accounts immediately, or ſettle their Balances by Bond; and thoſe who have any Demands againſt the Store are deſired to apply to me for Payment.

(tf) PATRICK HUNTER.

*** Who has for Sale a TRACT of LAND lying on the Forks of *Roanoke*, in *Mecklenburg* County, containing about ſix Hundred Acres, on which is an exceeding good Dwelling-Houſe, Storehouſe, and other neceſſary Buildings, as alſo ſeveral valuable Improvements. As the Land lies within ſixteen Miles of the Courthouſe, and eighty from *Petersburg*, it would anſwer any Perſon very well who intends keeping a back Store.

WARWICK, *November* 1, 1772.

THE Subſcriber has for Sale about five Thouſand Acres of LAND lying in different Parts of *Pittſylvania* County, and moſtly upon *Smith*'s River, the Soil of which is well calculated either for making Tobacco or Hemp. The Terms may be known by applying to *John Rowland*, who lives near the Land, and will ſhow it to any Perſon inclining to purchaſe.

(tf) PATRICK HUNTER.

For SALE,

A VALUABLE TRACT of LAND lying on both Sides of *Hunting* Creek, in *Halifax* County, containing five Hundred Acres, the Soil of which is exceeding good for Tobacco and Corn. There is a ſmall Plantation cleared on the Land, which has been tended but a few Years, and two Tobacco Houſes, an Overſeer's Houſe, and Negro Quarter almoſt new. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe may apply to Colonel *Paul Carrington*, in *Charlotte*, who will ſhow the Land, and is fully empowered to diſpoſe of it. (tf)

To be SOLD,

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of exceeding good TOBACCO LAND in *Stafford* County, on the Branches of *Aquia* and *Potowomack* Runs, extremely well timbered and watered, twelve Miles from *Falmouth*, and ten from *Aquia*. One Half the Land rents for thirty Pounds a Year; there is a ſmall Plantation on the other Part the Land, and a Mill near the Plantation, if not privately ſold, will be ſet up at twelve Hundred Pounds, on the 10th of *October* next. Alſo eleven Hundred Acres of Land on *Rocky* Run, in *Fauquier* County, the Rents of which amount to four Thouſand one Hundred and thirty Pounds of Tobacco; either in Lots, or altogether, as may ſuit the Purchaſers. An indiſputable Title will be made to the Land, by the Truſtees of *Charles Carter*. Tf

ALL Perſons may be ſupplied with this PAPER at 12*ſ.* 6*d.* a Year, and have ADVERTISEMENTS (of a moderate Length) inſerted in it for 3*ſ.* the firſt Week, and 2*ſ.* each Week after.——*** All Sorts of PRINTING WORK done at this Office in the neateſt Manner, with Care and Expedition.